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For:	CARBONACEOUS	Appr. February 20, 1998	Attorney for Applicant
	PROTECTIVE LAYER,	)	
	MAGNETIC RECORDING	)	
	MEDIUM, PRODUCTION	)	
	METHOD THEREOF, AND	)	
	MAGNETIC DISK	)	
	APPARATUS	)	
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## **AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows: